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27th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

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CHICAGO

November – 18-19-20-21-1945

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention

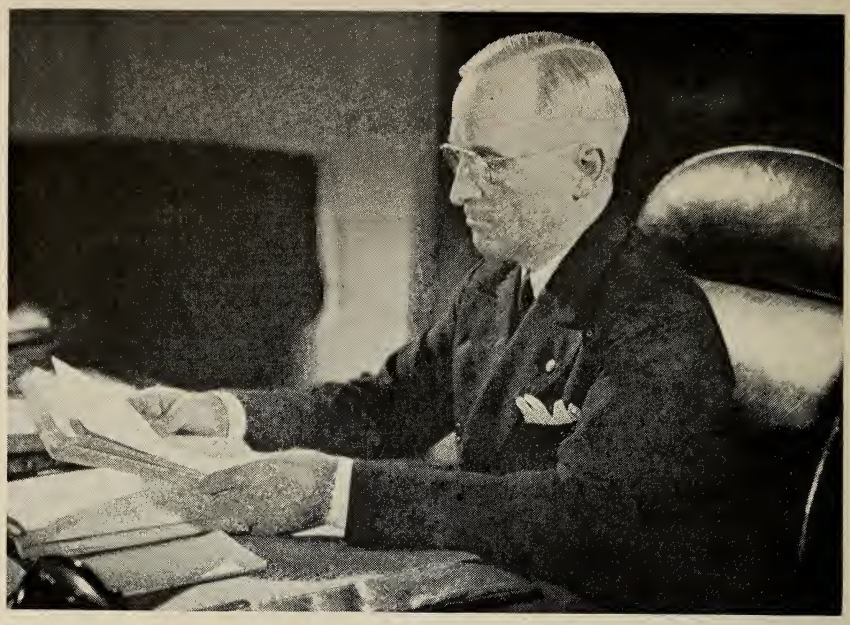
CONVENTION HALL, COLISEUM
1513 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 18-19-20-21, 1945

Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention
American Legion Auxiliary

Twenty-Sixth Annual Promenade Nationale
La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux

Twenty-Fourth Annual Marche Nationale
La Boutique Des 8 Chapeaux Et 40 Femmes



HARRY TRUMAN

President of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 26, 1945

To the American Legion:

It is with great personal pleasure that I send you greetings on the occasion of your twenty-seventh annual convention. Problems and perplexities that many of you faced in 1919 are now the lot of the veteran of World War II. The principles and objectives of the American Legion, the prestige of which was never greater, have blazed the trail for him. Both the wounded veteran and the veteran on his feet have just as much to give their country in peace as they gave in war. I know they are going to do just that.

Harry Truman

EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING

National Commander, The American Legion

The American Legion is meeting in national convention in Chicago for the fourth time. We come here this year faced with the greatest challenge in our history. Here we must chart our role in the building of a brave new world, worthy of the valor and sacrifice of all who served in two world wars.

That challenge calls for the translation of our total victory in war into an enduring peace. War must be outlawed. Our disabled heroes must be adequately cared for. Opportunity of full rehabilitation must be provided for all our veterans. Jobs must be found for all who need them. The fundamental principles of American democracy must be preserved.

The fighting men and women of World War II are flocking into the Legion in tremendous numbers. Soon we shall number our membership in the millions. The Legion thus is meeting its greatest call to duty with its greatest strength. But it must meet it also with its traditional devotion, loyalty, foresight and realism. God willing, here in Chicago we will demonstrate that the Legion's great past in serving God and Country is but a prelude to its greater future.

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

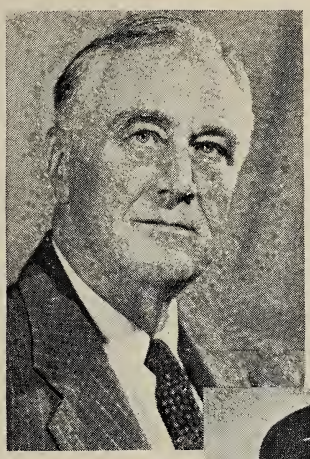
Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F. in World War I

Awarded The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal 1922

General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Force in France during World War I, is an honorary national commander of The American Legion. He is a member of the George Washington Post 1 in Washington, D. C.

The title of honorary national commander of The American Legion was voted General Pershing by the 8th national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., October 15, 1926. The General of the Armies of the United States accepted the honor with deepest emotion.

General Pershing celebrated his 85th birthday on September 13, 1945.

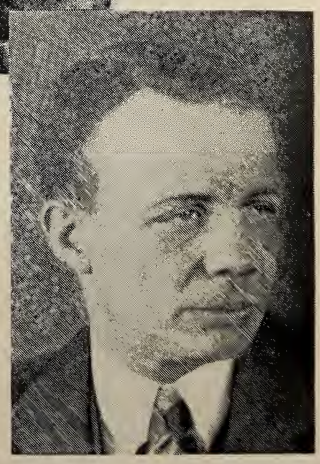


HON. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
Late President of the United States

By action of its national executive committee, The American Legion at its 27th national convention in Chicago, Ill., November 18 to 21, 1945, will present posthumously its distinguished service medal to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The medal was voted him by the committee in recognition of his outstanding leadership in World War II. The presentation will be made to a member of the late President's family. Acceptance by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr.

ERNEST T. (ERNIE) PYLE
Late Noted War Correspondent

By approval of its national executive committee, The American Legion at its 27th national convention in Chicago, November 18 to 21, 1945, will present posthumously its distinguished service medal to the late noted war correspondent and beloved friend of all World War II fighting men, Ernest T. (Ernie) Pyle, who was killed on Ie Jima, April 18, by a Japanese machine gunner. The presentation will be made to Ernie's father, William Clyde, and his aunt, Mary Pyle, both of Dana, Ind.



THE LATE BRIG. GEN. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

By action of the national executive committee of The American Legion, the distinguished service medal of The American Legion will be presented posthumously to the late Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., founder of The American Legion. The presentation will be made to Mrs. Roosevelt, the widow, at the 27th national convention in Chicago, Ill., November 18 to 21, 1945.

HON. HENRY L. STIMSON
Former Secretary of War

In recognition of his outstanding services to America, twice as secretary of war, once as secretary of state, and in many other capacities, the national executive committee of The American Legion voted the award of the Legion's distinguished service medal to the Hon. Henry L. Stimson, to be made at the 27th national convention in Chicago, Ill, November 18 to 21, 1945.

Mr. Stimson served as Secretary of War from 1911 to 1913; as governor general of the Philippine Islands from 1927 to 1929; as Secretary of State from 1929 to 1933; and as World War II Secretary of War from 1940 to 1945.

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

For his skillful planning and daring leadership in the invasions of North Africa, Italy and the European mainland which resulted in the liberation of Nazi-held allied countries and led to the surrender of Germany, the national executive committee of The American Legion, voted to award the Legion distinguished service medal to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in the European Theater of Operations.

The presentation will be made to General Eisenhower at the 27th national convention of The American Legion in Chicago, Ill., November 18 to 21, 1945.

ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ

For his outstanding direction of Allied task forces and amphibious operations which destroyed Japanese sea power and paved the way for the liberation of occupied territories, the national executive committee of The American Legion voted the Legion's distinguished service medal to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet and commander of all naval forces in the Pacific.

The presentation will be made at the 27th national convention of The American Legion in Chicago, Ill., November 18 to 21, 1945.

In Memoriam

JOHN R. RUDDICK

National Treasurer, The American Legion

Born—Shawneetown, Ill., June 21, 1880.

Died—Indianapolis, Ind., July 13, 1945.

In the death of John R. Ruddick, The American Legion lost a capable executive and all veterans lost a great friend.

Appointed national treasurer of The American Legion on November 2, 1935, Ruddick was re-appointed annually and held this post at the time of his death. He served also as department treasurer of the Indiana American Legion from 1934 to 1937. His continuous Legion membership began with enrollment in the Hilton U. Brown Post 85 in Indianapolis in 1919. He became a charter member of the Bell Telephone Post 134 in 1931 and served as its commander during 1936-1937. He also served as the adjutant of the 12th Indiana Legion District in 1932.

A two-war veteran, Ruddick served as a private in the 8th U. S. Cavalry during the Spanish-American War. He was captain of Co. B, 314th Field Signal Battalion, 89th Division, during World War 1, serving overseas.

His career as a Legionnaire exemplified the Legion ideal of devotion to mutual helpfulness at its best. He was never too busy to take personal interest in the cause of any worthy veteran.

Comrades of the American Legion:

Illinois and Chicago are honored to be hosts to the 27th annual convention of the American Legion. It is a distinct pleasure for me, as a Legionnaire and as Governor, to extend a warm personal and official welcome to the delegates and guests attending this great meeting. We want to help make this convention a memorable one in the annals of the Legion.

Because it is the first national meeting of the American Legion following victory in World War II, many important questions will be considered. These will concern not only the welfare of veterans, but the future of this nation. The program that you advance will merit the careful attention and the cordial response of the American people.

Dwight H. Green

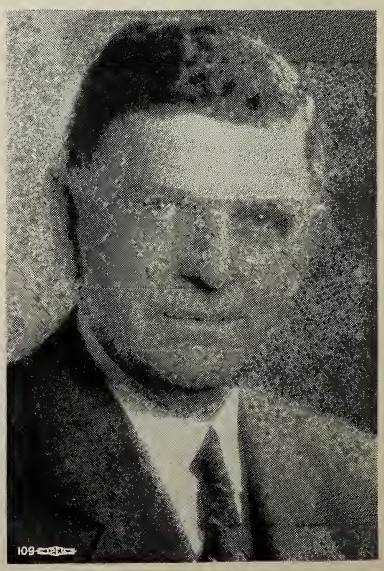
As Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City, it is a pleasure to extend to all the delegates and members of the American Legion, who are in Chicago for their National Convention, the warm welcome of our City.

Every Chicagoan has a sympathetic and appreciative interest in all the American Legion activities, and we cannot help but feel a sense of pride that Chicago has once again been chosen for this important meeting.

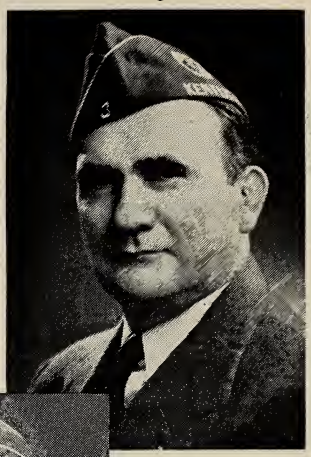
America's victory in the war has confronted us with a new and even more difficult problem — that of securing the peace. The issues facing us require the most serious and responsible judgment and actions on the part of all of us, and I am confident that the patriotism of the American Legion will ensure its participation in all efforts to reach a sound solution.

All Chicagoans join together in offering their hospitality and expressing their greetings to the 1945 Convention of the American Legion.

Edward J. Kelly



National Officers of American Legion



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Vice Commander

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Chaplain

DONALD G. GLASCOFF
Adjutant

THOMAS M. OWEN, JR.
Historian

RALPH B. GREGG
Judge Advocate

ARTHUR E. CANTY

Commander Department of Illinois

As the Commander of the Department of Illinois it is my privilege to welcome you on behalf of the 126,000 members of this great Department to the 27th National Convention of the American Legion.

During this Convention the eyes of the world will be focused on Chicago with a fervent prayer that from our deliberations here will come expressions of national import that will tend to solve some of the many complex problems now facing a post war world.

In attempting to make your stay here as enjoyable and as comfortable as possible, and live up to Chicago's reputation as the "Ideal Convention City," your Chicago National Convention Committee overcame many serious handicaps. The stage is now set. Illinois is at your service.

Arthur E Canty

National Convention Bureau Committee of Chicago 1945

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Special Events

NOVEMBER 17, 1945

ATLAS OPEN HOUSE—Tap Room, 21st and Blue Island—2:00 to 11:00 P.M.

ANNUAL REUNION — 86th Division A.E.F., 311 Supply Train — 6:30 P.M., at Evergreen Country Club, 9140 South Western Ave., Chicago, Ill.

NOVEMBER 18, 1945

DETACHMENT COMMANDERS CONFERENCE, Headquarters, 3222 W. Roosevelt Road; Telephone Kedzie 1470. Sponsored by Detachment of Illinois and Detachment Commanders Association. Joseph R. Dorfman, Chairman (Past Detachment Commander), Joseph E. Wolf, Secretary (Illinois Detachment Commander).

PROGRAM

12:00 Noon Luncheon.

1:30 P.M. Open Forum, Detachment Commanders and National Commitee, Sons of the American Legion.

6:00 P.M. Charcoal Broiled Steak Dinner, with Trimmings.

Those attending will assemble in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel, Randolph Street Side, not later than 11:30 A.M. to proceed to the meeting place.

ANNOUNCING — The Annual Reunion and Breakfast of World War Nurses, to be held Sunday, November 18th—8:00 A.M., at The Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Reservations to be made with Mrs. Mabel Brust Stiert, 5224 West Ohio Street, Telephone Austin 1449.

All nurses, World War I and World War II, are cordially invited to attend.
Dorthea Thompson, National Commander

RELIGIOUS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE—2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. Coliseum. Official Convention Soloist; The Motorola Glee Club; Mrs. Charles A. Gilbert, National President, The American Legion Auxiliary; Rev. Dewitt C. Mallory, National Chaplain, The American Legion; Brigadier General Luther Miller, Chief of Chaplains, United States Army; Rear Admiral W. N. Thomas, Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy.

NOTICE—ALL EX-SERVICE WOMEN are invited to a joint Tea, given by the three Women's Posts of the American Legion, Chicago, Illinois, at Nurses Club, 15th Floor, 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. Jane Delano Post No. 185; Mars-sur-Allier Post No. 270; Sig Yeo Post No. 267.

Monday, November 19, 1945

BREAKFAST—Congressional Medal of Honor Men—Mural Room, Morrison Hotel—9:30 A.M.

OPEN HOUSE PARTY—Schlitz Milwaukee Post No. 411, Gold Room, Congress Hotel—3:00-6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. PARADE. Assemble Lower Level Wacker Drive (State Street to Franklin Street).

6:45 P.M. PARADE STARTS. Escort to Colors—Blatz Post No. 373, American Legion Championship Band. South on State Street to Seventh Street, East on Seventh Street to Wabash Avenue and South on Wabash Avenue to Roosevelt Road. (For further information contact your Department Adjutant.)

SCHLITZ will entertain, from 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. Grand Ballroom of the Congress Hotel.

ATLAS OPEN HOUSE—Tap Room, 21st and Blue Island, 2:00 to 11:00 P.M.

BUDWEISER OPEN HOUSE—10 A.M. to 10 P.M.—See Bulletin Board, Stevens Hotel.

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS DINNER, Stevens Hotel. 8:00 P.M.

MASS INDUCTION of World War II veterans. Coliseum—7:30 P.M.

COCA COLA BROADCAST PROGRAM—Gene Kruppa's Spotlight Band and Morton Downey as M.C.
Clarence Harper, Chairman and Ritual Team Officiating.

BLATZ AND SCHENLEY to entertain and refreshments in North Hall of Coliseum immediately after Mass Induction ceremony.

Tuesday, November 20, 1945

BLATZ ENTERTAINS—Mural Room, Morrison Hotel, 3:00 to 9:00 P.M.

ATLAS OPEN HOUSE—Tap Room, 21st and Blue Island, 2:00 to 11:00 P.M.

BUDWEISER OPEN HOUSE—10 A.M. to 10 P.M. See Bulletin Board, Stevens Hotel.

COCKTAIL PARTY—Guests of Schenley Post No. 1190, Department of New York. Admission by tickets 6:00-7:30 P.M. Red Lacquer Room, Palmer House.

THE CHICAGO NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, DINNER TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Admission by tickets only. Entertainment—compliments of Schenley Distillers Corporation. Grand Ballroom—Palmer House. 7:30 P.M.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

November 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1945

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Advance Committee Meetings

		PLACE OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1945		
9:00 A.M.	Resolutions Assignment Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1945		
9:00 A.M.	Sub-Committee on Military Training of National Defense Committee	Union League Club Room 402
9:00 A.M.	National Employment Committee	Morrison Hotel Room 329
9:00 A.M.	National Rehabilitation Executive Committee. (Including groups or officials authorized to meet with this committee)	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 795
9:00 A.M.	Resolutions Assignment Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor
2:00 P.M.	National Defense Committees; Military Affairs, Naval Affairs, Civil Defense, Merchant Marine	Union League Club Room 402
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1945		
9:00 A.M.	National Executive Committee Sub-Committee on Foreign Departments and Posts	Palmer House, Chairman's Room
9:00 A.M.	National Executive Committee Sub-Committee on Enlarging Headquarters	Palmer House, Club Floor Room 15
9:00 A.M.	National Executive Committee Sub-Committee on Unauthorized Groups	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Ass't Nat'l Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M.	National Aeronautics Commission	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 796
9:00 A.M.	National Child Welfare Executive Committee—Liaison with Child Welfare	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 3
9:00 A.M.	National Labor Relations Committee	Palmer House, Club Floor Room 16
9:00 A.M.	National Defense Committees — Military Affairs, Naval Affairs, Civil Defense, Merchant Marine	Union League Club, Room 402
9:00 A.M.	National Employment Committee	Morrison Hotel Room 329
9:00 A.M.	National Finance Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Powder Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1945—Continued

9:00 A.M.	National Legislative Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 792
9:00 A.M.	National Rehabilitation Executive Committee. (Including Groups or Officials authorized to meet with this committee)	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 795
9:00 A.M.	Special Rehabilitation Committee on Resolutions	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 795
9:00 A.M.	Resolutions Assignment Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Club Building
9:00 A.M.	National Retirement Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Nat'l. Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M.	National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 793
9:00 A.M.	National Veterans' Preference Executive Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 1
9:00 A.M.	National World War II Liaison Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 788

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945

9:00 A.M.	National Executive Committee Sub-Committee on Resolutions	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 789
9:00 A.M.	National Veterans' Preference Executive Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 1
9:00 A.M.	National World War II Liaison Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 788
9:00 A.M.	National Executive Committee Sub-Committee on Foreign Departments and Posts	Palmer House, Chairman's Room
9:00 A.M.	National Executive Sub-Committee on Enlarging Headquarters	Palmer House, Club Floor Room 15
9:00 A.M.	National Executive Sub-Committee on Unauthorized Groups	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Ass't. Nat'l. Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M.	National Aeronautics Commission	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 796
9:00 A.M.	National Child Welfare Executive Committee and Liaison with Child Welfare	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 3
9:00 A.M.	National Labor Relations Committee	Palmer House, Club Floor Room 16
9:00 A.M.	National Constitution and By-Laws Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 2
9:00 A.M.	National Coordinating Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Ass't. Nat'l. Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M.	National Defense Committee	Union League Club Room 402
9:00 A.M.	National Emblem Committee, Dir. C. A. Morris Room	Palmer House
9:00 A.M.	National Employment Committee	Morrison Hotel Room 329
9:00 A.M.	National Finance Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Powder Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945—Continued

9:00 A.M.	National Foreign Relations Committee	Palmer House
9:00 A.M.	National Legislative Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 792
9:00 A.M.	National Publications Commission and Liaison with Publications	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 4
9:00 A.M.	National Rehabilitation Executive Committee and Groups	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 795
9:00 A.M.	National Resolutions Assignment Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Club Building
9:00 A.M.	National Retirement Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor National Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M.	National Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 793
9:00 A.M.	National War Transportation Committee	Palmer House Emblem Office—Club Bldg.
9:00 A.M.	National Law and Order Executive Committee	Palmer House
9:00 A.M.	Americanism Endowment Trustees	Blackstone Hotel Colonial Room
12 Noon	*Convention* Committee on Credentials	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Crystal Room
12:15 P.M.	*Convention* Committee on Permanent Organization	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Crystal Room
12:30 P.M.	*Convention* Committee on Rules	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Crystal Room
1:00 P.M.	National Public Relations Commission	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Room 5
2:00 P.M.	Meeting of National Executive Committee	Palmer House, 3rd Floor Crystal Room
2:00 P.M.	National Sons of The American Legion Conference	Palmer House, 4th Floor Room 17

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945

10:00 A.M.	Meeting of National and Assistant National Sergeants-at-Arms	Chicago Coliseum Stage

Convention Sessions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945

PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

Joint Sessions, The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary

1:00 P.M.	Music	Blatz Post Band (Milwaukee) Past National Champions
1:30 P.M.	Call to Order	Edward B. Scheiberling (New York), National Commander
	Invocation	Reverend Dewitt C. Mallory (Florida), National Chaplain
	Advancement of Colors	Edward F. O'Neill (New York), National Sergeant-At-Arms
	Solo: "Star Spangled Banner"	Miss Lorraine Rich, Official Convention Soloist
	Call for Convention	Donald G. Glascoff (Michigan), National Adjutant

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945—Continued

1:50 P.M. Addresses of Welcome:

HONORABLE DWIGHT H. GREEN.....Governor, State of Illinois

HONORABLE EDWARD J. KELLY.....Mayor, City of Chicago

Presentation to Mayor Kelly and Mrs. Kelly by Federal Post 437, Chicago

ARTHUR E. CANTY.....Department Commander of Illinois (1944-45)

PHILIP COLLINS.....Chairman, American Legion Convention Bureau Committee of Chicago

2:10 P.M. Responses to Addresses of Welcome.....MILO J. WARNER (Ohio) Past National Commander

2:15 P.M. Greetings:

MRS. CHARLES B. GILBERT.....National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

SPENCE S. ECCLES.....Chef de Chemin de Fer, Forty and Eight

2:25 P.M. Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War.....ROANE WARING (Tennessee) Past National Commander

Acceptance of Distinguished Service Medal to Secretary Stimson in his behalf.....BRIG. GEN. KENNETH C. ROYAL, Under Secretary of War

2:35 P.M. SPECIAL MEMORIAL AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

(Honoring the nation's war dead of World Wars I and II)

(See memorial program printed separately)

3:35 P.M. Committee Reports:

(a) Credentials

(b) Permanent Organization

(c) Rules

4:00 P.M. Presentation of American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to the late President and Commander-in-Chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, posthumously.....LOUIS A. JOHNSON (West Virginia) Past National Commander

Acceptance of the Distinguished Service Medal in behalf of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.....LT. COM. F. D. ROOSEVELT, JR.

4:10 P.M. Address.....ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet

4:40 P.M. Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal posthumously to Ernest T. Pyle.....LYNN U. STAMBAUGH (No. Dakota) Past National Commander

Acceptance of Distinguished Service Medal to Ernest T. Pyle.....MRS. MARY E. BALES (Dana, Ind.) (Aunt of Ernie Pyle)

5:00 P.M. Introduction of Distinguished Guests.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander

5:10 P.M. Retirement of Colors—Adjournment

7:00 P.M. Meeting of Convention Committees:

Americanism—Room 7, Third Floor of Palmer House

Child Welfare—Room 14, Club Floor, Palmer House

Constitutional Amendments—Room 9, Third Floor, Palmer House

Education of Orphans of Veterans—Rm. 15-16, Club Fl., Palmer House

Finance—Room 4, Third Floor, Palmer House

Foreign Relations—Courtroom 1107, Chicago City Hall

Internal Organization—Crystal Room, Palmer House

Legislation—Room 6, Third Floor, Palmer House

National Defense:

(a) Army—Courtroom 1112, Chicago City Hall

(b) Navy—Courtroom 1114, Chicago City Hall

(c) Aeronautics—Courtroom 1116, Chicago City Hall

(d) Merchant Marine—Courtroom1118, Chicago City Hall

(e) Civil Defense—Courtroom 1120, Chicago City Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945—Continued

Publications—Courtroom 1109, Chicago City Hall
Rehabilitation—Room 17, Club Floor, Palmer House
Employment—Room 8, Third Floor, Palmer House
Resolutions—Room 5, Third Floor, Palmer House

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1945—PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

8:30 A.M. Music.....Blatz Post Band (Milwaukee)
9:00 A.M. Call to Order.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander
Invocation.....REVEREND DEWITT C. MALLORY, National Chaplain
"The Star Spangled Banner".....MISS LORRAINE RICH, Convention Soloist
Advancement of Colors.....EDWARD F. O'NEILL, National Sergeant-at-Arms
9:15 A.M. Convention Committee Reports:
Education of Orphans of Veterans
Americanism
Child Welfare
10:00 A.M. Introduction of Distinguished Guests.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander
10:15 A.M. Address.....MAJOR GENERAL LESLIE R. GROVES, Assistant to the Chief of Engineers, U.S.A.
10:35 A.M. Address.....BRIG. GEN. KENNETH C. ROYAL, Under Secretary of War
11:05 A.M. Address.....HONORABLE JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Assistant Secretary of Navy
11:25 A.M. Presentation of American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to the late General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., posthumously.....HANFORD MACNIDER (Iowa) Past National Commander
Acceptance of Distinguished Service Medal in behalf of her late husband.....Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
11:40 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

FOREIGN RELATIONS

11:55 A.M. Presentation of Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.....EDWARD H. HAYES (Illinois) Past National Commander
Acceptance of Distinguished Service Medal award ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ
12:10 A.M. Address.....MR. FRANK C. RATHJE, President American Bankers Ass'n
12:30 P.M. Address.....SIR ARTHUR TEDDER, Marshal of Air Forces, British Empire
1:00 P.M. Retirement of Colors
Adjournment
7:00 P.M. Mass induction in The American Legion of World War II veterans at the Chicago Coliseum
11:00 P.M. Party tendered by national organization of The American Legion to new World War II initiatees and all World War II delegates or members in attendance at the convention at the Chicago Coliseum.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1945—PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

8:30 A.M. Music.....Blatz Post Band (Milwaukee)
9:00 A.M. Call to Order.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander
Invocation.....REVEREND DEWITT C. MALLORY, National Chaplain
Advancement of Colors.....EDWARD F. O'NEILL, National Sergeant-at-Arms
"Star Spangled Banner".....Band
9:15 A.M. Presentation of Distinguished Guests.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander
9:30 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

FINANCE

9:40 A.M. Address.....W. STUART SYMINGTON, Director Surplus Property Board
10:00 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

PUBLICATIONS

10:10 A.M. Presentation of Distinguished Guests.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING
10:30 A.M. Address.....HONORABLE FREDERICK M. VINSON, Secretary of the Treasury
11:00 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

REHABILITATION

11:30 A.M. Address.....GENERAL OMAR N. BRADLEY, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

12 NOON Presentation of American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to General Dwight D. Eisenhower.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING National Commander

Acceptance Distinguished Service Medal..... GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

12:15 P.M. Address.....GENERAL JOSEPH PIERRE KOENIG, General of the Armies, France

12:30 P.M. Report of Convention Committee:

LEGISLATION

1:00 P.M. Address.....MR. PHILIP MURRAY, President, Congress of Industrial Organizations

1:30 P.M. Retirement of Colors
Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1945—PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

8:30 A.M. Music.....Board of Trade Post 304 (Chicago)

9:00 A.M. Call to Order.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander
Invocation.....REVEREND DEWITT C. MALLORY, National Chaplain
Advancement of Colors.....EDWARD F. O'NEILL, National Sergeant-at-Arms
"Star Spangled Banner" .....Band

9:15 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

9:30 A.M. Address.....WATSON B. MILLER, Administrator of Social Security

9:45 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

EMPLOYMENT

10:10 A.M. Address.....MAJOR GENERAL LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director of Selective Service

10:25 A.M. Presentation of Medallion to Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago
WARREN H. ATHERTON (Col.), Past National Commander

10:30 A.M. Address.....LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES H. DOOLITTLE, U.S.A. Air Forces

10:50 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

11:05 A.M. Address.....MR. WILLIAM GREEN, President, The American Federation of Labor

11:25 A.M. Report of Convention Committee:

NATIONAL DEFENSE

12 NOON Presentation of Distinguished Guests.....EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING, National Commander

12:15 P.M. Address.....A. B. CHANDLER, High Commissioner of Baseball

12:35 P.M. Report of Convention Committee:

RESOLUTIONS

1:00 P.M. Address.....GENERAL ALEXANDER A. VANDEGRIFT, Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps

1:15 P.M. Announcement of Awards.....HENRY H. DUDLEY, Assistant National Adjt.

1:25 P.M. New Business:

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

2:15 P.M. Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander.....RAY MURPHY (Iowa) Past National Commander
Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander

2:35 P.M. Retirement of Colors
Final Adjournment

NOTE: *The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the National Convention, upon call of the National Commander.*

Recipients of the American Legion Distinguished Service Medal 1921-1945

MARSHAL FERDINAND FOCH of France, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in World War I—1921

ADMIRAL DAVID EARL BEATTY, Head of the British Navy during World War I—1921

GENERAL BARON JACQUES, Commander-in-Chief of the Belgian Army in World War I—1921

GENERAL ARMANDO V. DIAZ, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army during World War I—1921

CHARLES BERTRAND of France, Founder-president of Fidac—1921

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING, Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F. in World War I—1922

ADMIRAL R. E. COONTZ of the U. S. Navy—1923

GENERAL JOSEF HALLER of Poland—1923

IGNACE JAN PADEREWSKI, former Premier of Poland—1926

LORD ALLENBY of Great Britain—1928

JUDGE KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS, Commissioner of Baseball —1929

ADMIRAL W. S. SIMS of the U. S. Navy—1930

GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR—1942

GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL—1943

ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING—1943

FRANK KNOX (Posthumously)—1944

HENRY FORD—1944

GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD—1944

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (posthumously)—1945

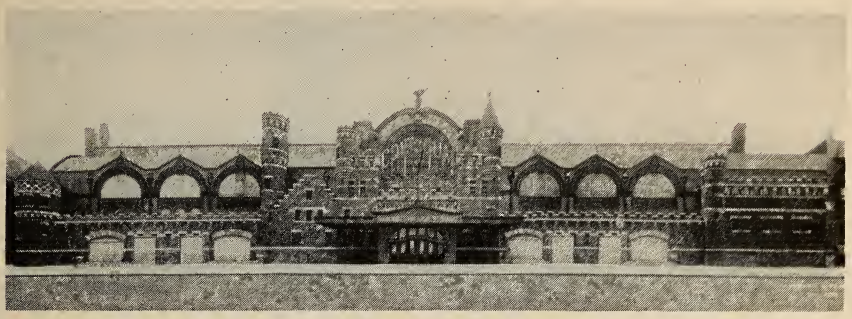
GENERAL THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR. (posthumously)—1945

ERNEST (Ernie) PYLE, War Correspondent (posthumously)—1945

HONORABLE HENRY L. STIMSON, Secretary of War—1945

ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ—1945

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER—1945



CONVENTION HALL

COLISEUM

1513 So. Wabash Avenue

Few meeting places in the country possess the romance and historic background of the Coliseum, scene of the 1945 National Convention. The Coliseum has well earned the title, "Front Door to the White House." More political conventions have thronged its doors and more famous presidents have been nominated on its floors than in any other auditorium in the land. Here, too, have been seen great athletic carnivals, automobile shows, radio shows, trade shows, the world's best known circuses and fraternal assemblies. The Coliseum has sheltered under its towers veritable millions.

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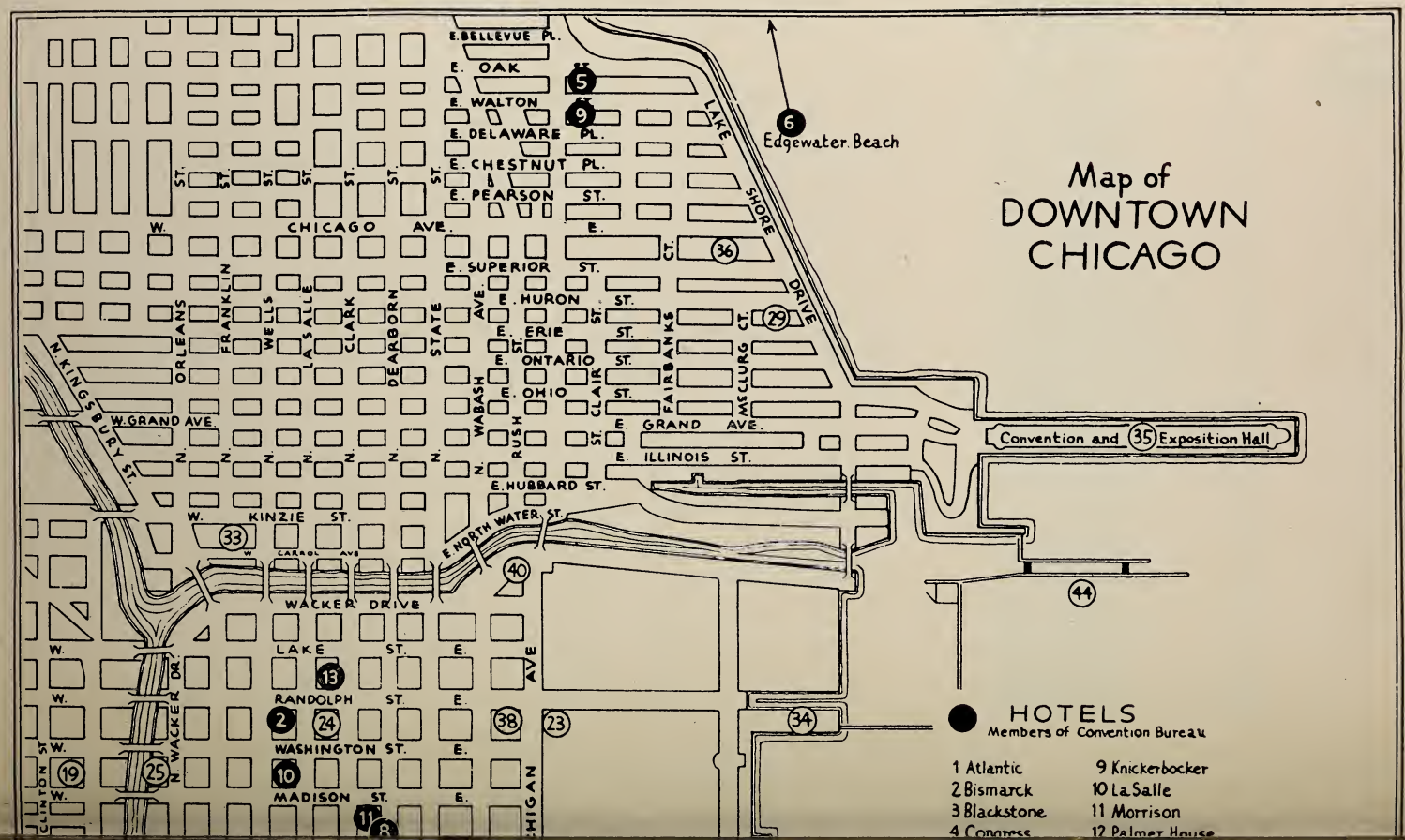
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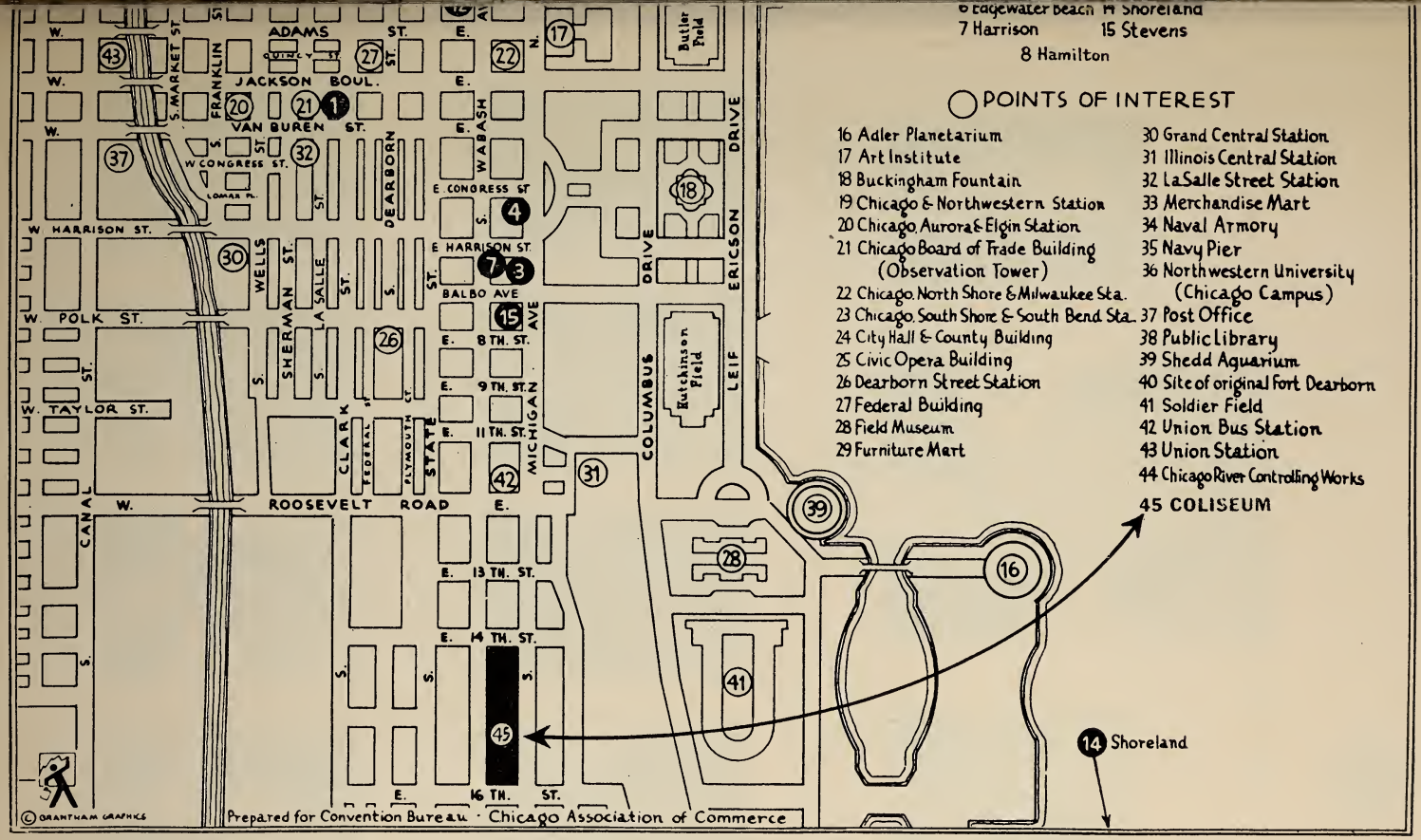
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21 Chicago Board of Trade Building (Observation Tower)
22 Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Sta.
23 Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Sta.
24 City Hall & County Building
25 Civic Opera Building
26 Dearborn Street Station
27 Federal Building
28 Field Museum
29 Furniture Mart
30 Grand Central Station
31 Illinois Central Station
32 LaSalle Street Station
33 Merchandise Mart
34 Naval Armory
35 Navy Pier
36 Northwestern University (Chicago Campus)
37 Post Office
38 Public Library
39 Shedd Aquarium
40 Site of original Fort Dearborn
41 Soldier Field
42 Union Bus Station
43 Union Station
44 Chicago River Controlling Works
45 COLISEUM
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Natianal Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Twenty-fifth Annual National Convention

American Legion Auxiliary

ADVANCE MEETINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945

3:00 P.M. National Executive Committee Meeting, American Legion Auxiliary, Private Dining Room No. 2, 3rd Floor, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

7:45 P.M. Eight and Forty Marche Nationale Dinner, Gothic Room, 3d Floor, Hotel Continental, Chicago, Illinois

8:30 P.M. Eight & Forty Marche Nationale

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945

9:30 A.M. *Credentials*—Room 18, 4th Floor—Mrs. Ethel M. Flynn, Chairman

10:00 A.M. *Americanism*—Lower Tower Ballroom—Mrs. Leon Bristol, Chairman
Community Service and Music—Private Dining Room 2, 3rd Floor—Mrs. Maurice J. Splaine, Chairman
Junior Activities—Conference Room, Lower Level—Mrs. Hobart Hoyt, Chairman
Legislation—West Ballroom—Mrs. Hurlburt Anderson, Chairman
National Defense—Upper Tower Ballroom—Mrs. R. Elton Warman, Chairman
Permanent Organization—Room 13, 4th Floor—Mrs. Edward D. Stoops, Chairman
Radio—North Assembly Room—Mrs. Archie W. Miller, Chairman
Finance—Private Dining Room 1, 3rd Floor—Mrs. John Alexander, Chairman
Rules—Room 18, 4th Floor—Mrs. Inez Peck Kashman, Chairman
Liaison with World War II—Private Dining Room 4, 3d Floor—Mrs. W. M. McCallum, Chairman

11:30 A.M. *Child Welfare and Education of Orphans of Veterans*—Upper Tower Ballroom—Mrs. Walter G. Craven, Chairman
Constitution and By-Laws—Room 13, 4th Floor—Mrs. William N. Cann, Chairman
Rehabilitation and Employment—Lower Tower Ballroom—Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman
Membership—West Ballroom—Mrs. Harry L. Coggins, Chairman
Poppy—North Assembly Room, 3d Floor—Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, Chairman
Pan American Study—Private Dining Room 4, 3d Floor—Mrs. John T. Batten, Chairman
Publication—Private Dining Room 2, 3d Floor—Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Chairman
Resolutions—Conference Room, Lower Level—Mrs. James E. Mecum, Chairman
War Activities—Room 18, 4th Floor—Mrs. Rae Ashton, Chairman
Postwar—Private Dining Room 1, 3d Floor—Mrs. O. W. Hahn, Chairman

1:30 P.M. ATTENDANCE AT OPENING of NATIONAL CONVENTION of THE AMERICAN LEGION and AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Joint Session, Coliseum, Chicago, Illinois

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945—Continued

7:30 P.M. OPENING SESSION—National Convention, American Legion Auxiliary Grand Ballroom, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Processional of National Officers and Distinguished Guests

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Leon Bristol, National Americanism Chairman

Invocation: Miss Marie Koch, National Chaplain

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER—Sung by Assembly

Reading of the Call to the Convention—Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin Macdowell, National Secretary

Greetings from the Department of Illinois—Mrs. John Shimkus, Jr., Past President

8:30 P.M. Greetings by the National Vice Presidents

Mrs. D. Lucius Conant, Eastern Division
Mrs. O. Linn Perry, Central Division
Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, Northwestern Division
Mrs. Euga A. Campbell, Southern Division
Mrs. Harry Owen Holt, Western Division

9:00 P.M. Annual Report of the National President—Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert

9:30 P.M. Reports of National Officers

National Secretary, Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell
National Treasurer, Mrs. Cecilia Wenz
National Historian, Mrs. Samuel E. Vance, Jr.

Greetings by the National Chaplain, Miss Marie Koch

Memorial to Mrs. Donald Macrae, Jr., Past National President—Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn

Greetings by the Past National Presidents:

Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart
Mrs. Franklin Lee Bishop
Mrs. J. W. Macauley
Mrs. Robert Walbridge
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr.
Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal
Mrs. Frederick C. Williams
Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn
Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr.
Mrs. Albin Charles Carlson
Mrs. Melville Mucklestone
Mrs. O. W. Hahn
Mrs. Malcolm Douglas
Mrs. James Morris
Mrs. William Corwith
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra
Mrs. Mark W. Murrill
Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat
Mrs. Lawrence Smith

Des Moines Argonne Quartette

Presentation of Convention Chairmen by the National Chairman of the Convention Committee, Mrs. Melville Mucklestone

Presentation of National President's Pages

Mrs. Richard Pitney, National Chairman
Mrs. Leo J. Kelly, Vice Chairman
Miss Helen Gilbert, Special Page
Mrs. Howard Hudgins
Mrs. Carl Zeller
Mrs. Spencer Boise
Mrs. C. P. Andrew

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945—Continued

10:15 P.M. Address—Mr. Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander, The American Legion

Reports of Convention Committees:

- Permanent Organization—Mrs. Edward D. Stoops, Chairman
- Credentials—Mrs. Ethel M. Flynn, Chairman
- Rules—Mrs. Inez Peck Kashman, Chairman
- Constitution and By-Laws—Mrs. William N. Cann, Chairman

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1945

9:30 A.M. Convention Convenes, Grand Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

Processional of Retiring Department Presidents

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Leon Bristol, National Americanism Chairman

Invocation: Miss Marie Koch, National Chaplain

Nomination of National Officers

Presentation of Certificates of Meritorious Service by the National President, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert

Reports of Convention Committees:

- Americanism: Mrs. Leon Bristol, Chairman
- Legislative: Mrs. Hurlburt Anderson, Chairman
- Community Service: Mrs. Maurice J. Splaine, Chairman

Des Moines Argonne Quartette

Reports of Convention Committees:

- Finance: Mrs. John Alexander, Chairman
- Postwar: Mrs. O. W. Hahn, Chairman

11:00 A.M. Address—Major General Patrick J. Hurley, United States Ambassador to China

Reports of Convention Committees:

- National Defense: Mrs. R. Elton Warman, Chairman
- Child Welfare: Mrs. Walter G. Craven, Chairman

Address—The Honorable John L. Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air

Reports of Convention Committees:

- Liaison with World War II: Mrs. W. M. McCallum, Chairman
- Pan American Study: Mrs. John T. Batten, Chairman

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES, STEVENS HOTEL
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Private Dining Room 2, 3rd Floor

Eastern Division—
Mrs. D. Lucius Conant, Vice President—South Ballroom, 3d Floor
Central Division—
Mrs. O. Linn Perry, Vice President—North Ballroom, 3d Floor
Southern Division—
Mrs. Euga A. Campbell, Vice President—West Ballroom, 3d Floor
Northwestern Division—
Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, Vice President—North Assembly Room, 3d Floor
Western Division—
Mrs. Harry Owen Holt, Vice President—Private Dining Room 2, 3d Floor

8:00 P.M. States Dinner of the American Legion Auxiliary, Grand Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1945

9:30 A.M. Convention Convenes, Grand Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert
Advance of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Leon Bristol, National Americanism Chairman
Report of Public Relations Service Liaison Director, Mrs. Lawrence Smith
Presentation of Distinguished Guests

1:00 P.M. *Past President's Parley*—Private Dining Room 2, 3d Floor—
Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, Chairman (Mrs. Melville Mucklestone presiding)

1:30 P.M. Eight and Forty Le Pouvoir Meeting, Private Dining Room 1, Stevens Hotel

Reports of Convention Committees:
Rehabilitation: Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman
"Gifts for Yanks Who Gave": Mrs. A. M. Davidson, Chairman
Poppy: Mrs. Hubert A. Goode, Chairman
Presentation of Charlie McGonegal and Herman Pheffer
Presentation of Mr. H. L. Elias, Secretary, Leonard Wood Memorial Foundation
Address: Mr. Perry Burgess, President, Leonard Wood Memorial Foundation
Reports of Convention Committee:
Membership: Mrs. Harry L. Coggins, Chairman
Report of Eight and Forty—Mrs. Madeleiene Swanner, Le Chapeau Nationale
Presentation of Distinguished Guests
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment

1:30 P.M. Twenty-five Year Membership Luncheon, South Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1945

9:30 A.M. Convention Convenes, Grand Ballroom, Stevens Hotel
Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert
Advance of Colors
Reports of Convention Committees:
Publication: Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Chairman
Radio: Mrs. Archie W. Miller, Chairman
Junior Activities: Mrs. Hobart Hoyt, Chairman
War Activities: Mrs. Rae Ashton, Chairman
Past Presidents' Parley: Mrs. Malcolm Douglas, Chairman (represented by Mrs. Melville Mucklestone)
Election of National Officers
Report of Convention Committee:
Resolutions: Mrs. James E. Mecum, Chairman
Unfinished Business
New Business
Presentation of newly-elected National Commander of The American Legion
Installation of Officers—Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat
Presentation of Colors to the Retiring President—Mrs. Lawrence Smith
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1945—Continued

Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting, Private Dining Room 2, 3d Floor, Stevens Hotel

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Mrs. Harold Peterson will serve as Convention pianist.
Mrs. Raymond S. Simons will act as Convention Parliamentarian.

Local Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary National Convention
Stevens Hotel, November 18th to 21st inclusive

Mrs. Melville Mucklestone, National Convention Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. John Shimkus, Official Hostess
Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Chairman States Dinner
Mrs. Bessie Stuart Smith, Chairman 25-Year-Membership Luncheon
Mrs. Ralph C. Webber, Chairman Distinguished Guest Committee
Mrs. Arthur Lynge, Chairman Halls and Seating
Mrs. Leo Kelly, Chairman of Pages
Mrs. Katherine Stack, Chairman, Information
Margaret Strum, Chairman Trophies and Awards
Mrs. Norman Peterson, Chairman History Committee
Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Chairman Hospitality Committee
Lillian Baker, Chairman Junior Handwork Display
Marie Morris, Chairman Poppy Poster Contest
Mrs. Walter J. Hoffman, Convention Secretary and Flower Chairman
Grace Peterson, Chairman Music

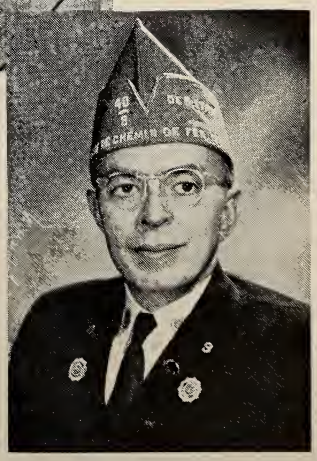
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

*Bennett C. Clark—1919
*Henry D. Lindsley, Deceased—1919
*Milton J. Foreman, Deceased—1919
Franklin D'Olier—1919-20
Frederick W. Galbraith, Deceased—1920 to June 9, 1921
John Emery—1921
Hanford MacNider—1921-22
Alvin M. Owsley—1922-23
John R. Quinn—1923-24
James A. Drain, Deceased—1924-25
John R. McQuigg, Deceased—1925-26
Howard P. Savage, Deceased—1926-27
Edward E. Spafford, Deceased—1927-28
Paul V. McNutt—1928-29
O. G. Bodenhamer, Deceased—1929-30
Ralph T. O'Neil, Deceased—1930-31
Henry G. Stevens, Jr.—1931-32
Louis A. Johnson—1932-33
Edward A. Hayes—1933-34
Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.—1934-35
Ray Murphy—1935-36
Harry W. Colmery—1936-37
Daniel J. Doherty—1937-38
Stephen F. Chadwick—1938-39
Raymond J. Kelly—1939-40
Milo J. Warner—1940-41
Lynn U. Stambaugh—1941-42
Roane Waring—1942-43
Warren H. Atherton—1943-44
Edward N. Scheiberling—1944-45

* Voted title of Past National Commander by National Convention.

W. CARL NIELSEN
Commissaire Intendant
National 40-8

C. M. ARDERY
Correspondant
National 40-8



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Chef De Chemin de Fer, 1945
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Official Programme

TWENTY-SIXTH PROMENADE NATIONALE
LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX
Chicago, Illinois, November 17-18, 1945

Registration: At Forty and Eight Headquarters, LaSalle Hotel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945

5:00 P.M. Meeting of Cheminots Nationaux (National Executive Committee)
Ball Room, LaSalle Hotel

5:30 P.M. Meeting of Committee on Credentials, Committee Room, LaSalle Hotel

5:30 P.M. Meeting of Committee on Rules and Order,
Committee Room, LaSalle Hotel

5:30 P.M. Meeting of Committee on Permanent Organization,
Committee Room, LaSalle Hotel

Opening Session: Grand Ball Room, LaSalle Hotel

9:30 P.M. Call to Order by Chef de Chemin de Fer Spence S. Eccles
Advancement of Colors
Invocation by Aumonier National Rev. C. N. Bittle
Reading of the Call for Promenade Nationale by Correspondant Nationale

Greetings:

Jess Bowman, Grand Chef de Gare 1946, Illinois
Honorable Dwight H. Green, Governor of Illinois
Honorable Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of Chicago
Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander, The American Legion
Response by: Chef de Chemin de Fer Spence S. Eccles

11:00 P.M. Memorial Service, Aumonier National Rev. C. N. Bittle

11:30 P.M. Reports of Committees on:
1. Credentials
2. Permanent Organization
3. Rules and Order

11:45 P.M. Reports of National Officers:
1. Chef de Chemin de Fer
2. Commissaire Intendant Nationale
3. Correspondant Nationale
4. Historien Nationale
5. Avocat Nationale

12 NOON Announcements, Committee Appointments, etc.
Retirement of Colors
Recess

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1945

9:00 A.M. Registration at Forty and Eight Headquarters, LaSalle Hotel
Meeting of all Committees except Credentials, Permanent Organization and Rules and Order, in Committee Rooms, LaSalle Hotel

1:30 P.M. Promenade Nationale: Grand Ball Room, LaSalle Hotel
Call to Order by Chef de Chemin de Fer Spence S. Eccles
Advancement of Colors
Invocation of Aumonier Nationale Rev C. N. Bittle
Reports of Committees on:

1. Ritual
2. Paraphernalia
3. Voiture Activities
4. Finance
5. Resolutions
6. Child Welfare
7. Constitution
8. Trophies and Awards

2:30 P.M. New Business

2:45 P.M. Election of Officers for 1946
Retirement of Colors
Benediction by Aumonier Nationale 1946
Adjournment
Meeting of Cheminots Nationaux 1946 immediately following adjournment of Promenade Nationale

6:30 P.M. Dinner and evening's entertainment, Grand Ball Room, LaSalle Hotel. Admission by ticket and advance reservation only.

MRS. GEORGE G. SPEIR
La Secretaire Nationale 1945

MRS. EDSEL SWANNER

24th Annual Marche

LA BOUTIQUE des HUIT CHAPEAUX et QUARANTE FEMMES

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1945

Registration—Stevens Hotel—12:00 Noon to 9:00 P.M.—Fee 50 cents

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945

Registration—Hotel Continental—8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.—505 N. Michigan Ave., 3rd Floor—Fee 50 cents

9:00 A.M. Le Pouvoir Nationale—Hotel Continental Gothic Room, 3rd Floor
Divisional Caucuses after Pouvoir Meeting

1:00 P.M. La Marche Nationale—Opening Session, Hotel Continental Gothic Room
Processional of National Officers
Call to Order by Le Chapeau Madeleiene Swanner
Colors Advanced—La Concierge Helen Busser and Honorary Marshals May Hickman and Carol Mortenson
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led bv Helen Busser
Invocation by Nationale L'Aumonier Hazel Sacco
"Flanders Fields"—Mary Gilchrist
"America's Answer"—Frances Price
Song—"Long, Long Trail," led by Esther Leervig
Roll Call—La Secretaire Nationale Marguerite K. Speir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945—Continued

Reading of "Call to Marche Nationale," La Secretaire Nationale
Marguerite K. Speir

Reading of Minutes of La Marche Nationale, 1944

Reading of Minutes of Le Pouvoir, 1944

Introduction of:

- Les Officers Nationaux
- Chairmen
- Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passe
- Honorary Pages
- Personal Page
- Honorary Marshals
- Distinguished Guests

Song of Welcome—Esther Leervig

Greetings

- General Chairman American Legion Auxiliary Convention
  Mrs. Melville Mucklestone
- General Chairman La Marche Nationale Mrs. Carl Erickson

Introduction of Marche Committees

Greetings

- National Commander of The American Legion Mr. Edward Scheiberling
- Response—Mary Haws
- National President of The American Legion Auxiliary
  Mrs. Helen Gilbert
- Response—Nellie Backherms
- Le Chef de Chemin de Fer, 40 et 8, Mr. Spence Eccles
- Response—Minnette Hageman
- President, Department of Illinois, American Legion Auxiliary,
  Mrs. Bertha Shimkus
- Response—Holly Mickle

Reports of Special Committees

- Permanent Organization—Corrine Craig, Oklahoma
- Rules and Orders—Barbara Riordan, Missouri
- Credentials—Mary Ellen Fay, Illinois

Memorial Service—L'Aumonier Hazel Sacco

Adoption of Printed Reports

Reports of National Officers

- Le Chapeau Nationale—Madeleiene Swanner
- Les Demi Chapeaux Nationaux
  - Eastern Division—Mary Gilchrist
  - Southern Division—Frances Casserly
  - Central Division—Minette Hageman
  - Northwestern Division—Holly Mickle
  - Western Division—Frances Price
- La Secretaire-Caissiere—Marguerite K. Speir
- L'Archiviste Nationale—Florence Taylor
- L'Aumonier Nationale—Hazel Sacco
- La Concierge Nationale—Helen Busser
- La Surintendante—Bertha Flood
- L'Avocate Nationale—Dorothy Harper
- L'Organisatrice—Mary Corwin

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1945—Continued

Reports of Standing Committees
- Child Welfare—Margaret Delles, Chairman
  - Introduction of Area Chairmen
    - Area "A"—Eunice Lowe
    - Area "B"—Emily Markle
    - Area "C"—Agnes George
    - Area "D"—Rosemary Kirkhoff
    - Area "E"—Ann Taggessell
- National Hospital—Annice McGovern, Chairman
- Partnership—Laura Bidelman, Chairman
  - Introduction of Area Chairmen
    - Area "A"—Eva Sherman
    - Area "B"—Grace Colton
    - Area "C"—Bessie Craig
    - Area "D"—Lucille Milner
    - Area "E"—Minda Rockwell
- Hat Box Subscriptions—Carol Mortenson, Chairman
  - Introduction of Area Chairmen
    - Area "A"—Helen Beauchesne
    - Area "B"—Helen Ware
    - Area "C"—Carrie Lee Bevins
    - Area "D"—Marguerite Paullin
    - Area "E"—Peg Downs
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- Constitution and By-Laws—Bessie Cooper, Chairman.
  - Committee Members: Myrtle Nance, Mary McClung
- Salon Activities—Eva Fortune, Chairman.
  - Committee Members: Mary Bush, Lee Culpepper
- Hat Box and Publicity—Helen Forbes, Chairman
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  - Committee Members: Hazel Davis, Freda Kehm
- Resolutions—Ray Zaonitz, Chairman.
  - Committee Members: Grace Colton, Lovina Livingston
- Trophies and Awards—Ethel Kenny, Chairman.
  - Committee Members: Myra Perkins, Mae Wagner

New Business
- Nominations and Election of Officers
- Ratification of Divisional Elections of Les Demi-Chapeaux Nationaux
- Presentation of Newly Elected Officers
- Announcements

Retire Colors

Adjournment

7:30 P.M. Marche Dinner—Gothic Room, Hotel Continental

Installation of Officers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1945

1:30 P.M. Nationale Pouvoir Meeting—Stevens Hotel, Private Dining Room 1.

Call to Order by Le Chapeau Passe Swanner

Unfinished Business

Presentation of Gavel to Newly Elected Chapeau Nationale

New Business

Adjournment

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Pursuant to action of the National Executive Committee following the 1944 Chicago National Convention, the National Convention Bureau was created to have charge of matters concerning national conventions of the organization. The former National Convention Liaison Committee accordingly became the National Convention Bureau during 1945 to function for the first time in such capacity at this 1945 National Convention. Under this arrangement, the Convention Bureau, together with the Convention Director and his staff, assumed full control and responsibility for the direction of future National Conventions.

Due to the shortness of time prevailing between the date designating Chicago as the 1945 National Convention city and the actual dates of this Convention, it was not possible to fully activate the new program for conducting national conventions. As a result, generally the operation of the 1945 Convention parallels somewhat closely those of previous streamlined conventions held during the war period, with the exception that the National organization assumed most of the financial responsibility rather than the host city.

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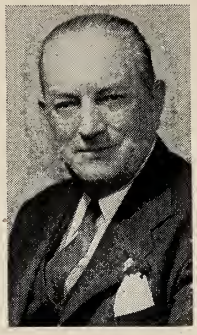

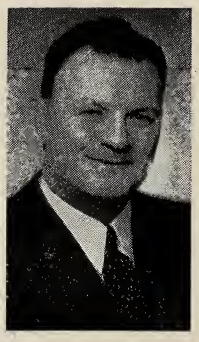

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